

# House Bill 3062

Sponsored by Representative OLSON (at the request of Larry Bardell)

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Recognizes April 6 of each year as National Tartan Day in Oregon.  
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to an annual day of recognition; and declaring an emergency.

2       Whereas in March 1998, the United States Senate passed Senate Resolution 155, designating  
3 April 6 of every year as National Tartan Day to celebrate Scottish culture and heritage and to  
4 honor the important role of Scottish Americans in the development of our country; and  
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6       Whereas the date of April 6 was chosen because it marks the anniversary of the signing of the  
7 Declaration of Arbroath on April 6, 1320; and

8       Whereas the Declaration of Arbroath was, in effect, Scotland's declaration of independence,  
9 which Robert the Bruce and his followers sent to Pope John XXII, asserting their right to be free  
10 of the "yoke of English domination"; and

11       Whereas translated from the original Latin, the declaration memorably proclaims "For it is not  
12 for glory, riches or honor that we fight, but for freedom alone, that which no man of worth yields  
13 up, save with his life"; and

14       Whereas the declaration is a forerunner of our country's own; and

15       Whereas the accomplishments of people of Scottish descent have left their mark on all aspects  
16 of life in our nation, notably in commerce, medicine, science, the arts, technology, law, literature  
17 and exploration; and

18       Whereas whether born in Scotland, like the botanical explorer David Douglas, for whom our  
19 state tree is named, or with a claim to Scottish descent, like the "father of Oregon," Dr. John  
20 McLoughlin, and women's suffragist Abigail Scott Duniway, men and women of Scottish heritage  
21 have helped to shape this state, and Oregon has been well served by their industrious and inde-  
22 pendent spirit; and

23       Whereas it is appropriate that Oregon join with Congress in recognizing National Tartan Day;  
24 now, therefore,

25 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

26       **SECTION 1. April 6 of each year is recognized as National Tartan Day in Oregon, and**  
27 **all Oregonians are encouraged to participate in celebrations and activities created to observe**  
28 **the day.**

29       **SECTION 2. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
30 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect**  
31 **on its passage.**

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